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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	Nicholls	Confirmation No.:	1945
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For:	METHOD FOR DETERMINING A SHAPE SPACE FOR A SET OF MOLECULES USING MINIMAL METRIC DISTANCES	Attorney Docket No:	61191-0003-US (formerly 9476- 003-999)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004 be extended for a period of one month from August 19, 2004 to and including September 20, 2004 (1st business day after September 19, 2004).

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$55.00. Please charge the required fee to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (order no. 61191-0003-US). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date: September 20, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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